

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 10, 2024

Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to requiring certain public authorities to develop a feasibility study to promote bicyclist and pedestrian access on bridges statewide and to consider the impact of capital projects on bicyclist and pedestrian access

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new
2 section 543 to read as follows:

3 § 543. Pedestrian bridge access feasibility study. 1. The authority
4 shall develop a pedestrian bridge access feasibility study to analyze
5 ways to improve bicycle and pedestrian access on roadway bridges under
6 its jurisdiction. Such study shall include but not be limited to:

7 (a) identification of bridges within the authority's jurisdiction that
8 are suitable for safe bicycle and pedestrian access;

9 (b) potential capital projects that would allow for and/or expand
10 bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges; and

11 (c) a review of the authority's capital program plans in effect on and
12 after January first, two thousand twenty-three, to determine the impact
13 of such projects on bicycle and pedestrian access and propose amendments
14 and modifications to such capital program plans that would allow for
15 and/or expand bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges.

16 2. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the authori-
17 ty shall submit a written report to the governor, temporary president of
18 the senate, and speaker of the assembly, detailing the pedestrian bridge
19 access feasibility study conducted pursuant to this section. Such report
20 shall be made available to the public on the authority's website.

21 § 2. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 593
22 to read as follows:

23 § 593. Pedestrian bridge feasibility study. 1. The authority shall
24 develop a pedestrian bridge access feasibility study to analyze ways to
25 improve bicycle and pedestrian access on roadway bridges under its
26 jurisdiction. Such study shall include but not be limited to:

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (a) identification of bridges within the authority's jurisdiction that
2 are suitable for safe bicycle and pedestrian access;

3 (b) potential capital projects that would allow for and/or expand
4 bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges; and

5 (c) a review of the authority's capital program plans in effect on and
6 after January first, two thousand twenty-three, to determine the impact
7 of such projects on bicycle and pedestrian access and propose amendments
8 and modifications to such capital program plans that would allow for
9 and/or expand bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges.

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11 ty shall submit a written report to the governor, temporary president of
12 the senate, and speaker of the assembly, detailing the pedestrian bridge
13 access feasibility study conducted pursuant to this section. Such report
14 shall be made available to the public on the authority's website.

15 § 3. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 669
16 to read as follows:

17 § 669. Pedestrian bridge access feasibility study. 1. The authority
18 shall develop a pedestrian bridge access feasibility study to analyze
19 ways to improve bicycle and pedestrian access on roadway bridges under
20 its jurisdiction. Such study shall include but not be limited to:

21 (a) identification of bridges within the authority's jurisdiction that
22 are suitable for safe bicycle and pedestrian access;

23 (b) potential capital projects that would allow for and/or expand
24 bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges; and

25 (c) a review of the authority's capital program plans in effect on and
26 after January first, two thousand twenty-three, to determine the impact
27 of such projects on bicycle and pedestrian access and propose amendments
28 and modifications to such capital program plans that would allow for
29 and/or expand bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges.

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31 ty shall submit a written report to the governor, temporary president of
32 the senate, and speaker of the assembly, detailing the pedestrian bridge
33 access feasibility study conducted pursuant to this section. Such report
34 shall be made available to the public on the authority's website.

35 § 4. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 718
36 to read as follows:

37 § 718. Pedestrian bridge feasibility study. 1. The authority shall
38 develop a pedestrian bridge access feasibility study to improve bicycle
39 and pedestrian access on roadway bridges under its jurisdiction. Such
40 plan shall include but not be limited to:

41 (a) identification of bridges within the authority's jurisdiction that
42 are suitable for safe bicycle and pedestrian access;

43 (b) potential capital projects that would allow for and/or expand
44 bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges; and

45 (c) a review of the authority's capital program plans in effect on and
46 after January first, two thousand twenty-three, to determine the impact
47 of such projects on bicycle and pedestrian access and propose amendments
48 and modifications to such capital program plans that would allow for
49 and/or expand bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges.

50 2. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the authori-
51 ty shall submit a written report to the governor, temporary president of
52 the senate, and speaker of the assembly, detailing the pedestrian bridge
53 access feasibility study conducted pursuant to this section. Such report
54 shall be made available to the public on the authority's website.

55 § 5. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 390
56 to read as follows:

1 § 390. Pedestrian bridge access feasibility study. 1. The authority
2 shall develop a pedestrian bridge access feasibility study to improve
3 bicycle and pedestrian access on roadway bridges under its jurisdiction.
4 Such plan shall include but not be limited to:

5 (a) identification of bridges within the authority's jurisdiction that
6 are suitable for safe bicycle and pedestrian access;

7 (b) potential capital projects that would allow for and/or expand
8 bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges; and

9 (c) a review of the authority's capital program plans in effect on and
10 after January first, two thousand twenty-three, to determine the impact
11 of such projects on bicycle and pedestrian access and propose amendments
12 and modifications to such capital program plans that would allow for
13 and/or expand bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges.

14 2. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the authori-
15 ty shall submit a written report to the governor, temporary president of
16 the senate, and speaker of the assembly, detailing the pedestrian bridge
17 access feasibility study conducted pursuant to this section. Such report
18 shall be made available to the public on the authority's website.

19 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately.